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SUBJECT: APOLLO SPACESUIT AND MANNIKIN PROJECT 70-047

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1. IN VIEW OF UNIQUE IMPACT AS OUR ONLY PERMANENT OFF-
PREMISES EXHIBIT POST IS INTERESTED PURCHASING SUIT AND MANNIKIN
AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION REGARDING COST.

2. SUIT AND MANIKIN CURRENTLY DISPLAYED AT BUCHAREST
TECHNICAL MUSEUM ALONG WITH FULL SCALE LUNAR LANDER WERE
OFFICIALLY PRESENTED IN JUNE 1974 AND ROMANIANS SEEM TO HAVE
IMPRESSION THAT MANNIKIN AS WELL AS LANDER WERE A DONATION.
FYI. PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THAT TIME RECEIVED WIDE PRESS
PLAY AND TELEVISION COVERAGE. SUBSEQUENTLY, EXHIBIT VISITED
BY ICS/XP DAVIS AND DISPLAY FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN PROGRAM
VISIT OF ASTRONAUT EUGENE CERNAN IN SEPTEMBER 1974 (SEE
BUCHAREST 4452-1974). END FYI.

EXHIBIT HAS RECEIVED MUCH MORE-THAN NORMAL AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY
AND ATTENTION FROM ROMANIANS. A PHOTO OF THE EXHIBIT HAS
BEEN PUBLISHED IN SPECIALLY PRINTED MUSEUM GUIDE. IT IS LOCATED
IN PROMINENT LOCATION AND, WHILE OSTENSIBLE SHARING EQUAL
BILLING WITH A RUSSIAN SPACE DISPLAY, LOOMS LARGE ABOVE THE
LATTER.

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3. IF SUBJECT ITEMS NOT FOR SALE, POST FEELS THAT
MINIMUM ONE-YEAR EXTENSION BE GRANTED FOR THEM. THIS PERIOD
WOULD ALLOW EMBASSY TO PREPARE FOR ALTERNATE DISPLAY ITEMS
TO ASSURE OUR CONTINUING PRESENCE IN IMPORTANT MUSEUM.
SUDDEN RECALL FOR THESE ITEMS WOULD CAUSE ILL FEELING AMONG
SOME ROMANIAN SCIENTIFIC AND MUSEUM OFFICIALS AND POSSIBLY
JEOPARDIZE CHANCE FOR ANY FURTHER PLACEMENT OF SIMILAR ITEMS
IN MUSEUM.
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